

various cities in North Carolina to educate the public about child abuse prevention. This training unit is the first of its kind in the Nation. Through Larry and his employees, Coastal Federal Credit Union's motto of "people helping people" is put into practice every day.

As a highly respected voice for credit unions in our Nation's Capitol, NAFCU will be well served by Larry's membership on the Board. There is no question that Larry's 28 years of dedicated work, personal knowledge and expertise in the credit union industry will help to keep Congress connected with issues that are vital to credit unions both in North Carolina and across America. I congratulate Larry Wilson on his recent election to the NAFCU Board and look forward to continuing to work with him and our Nation's Federal credit unions.

**SALUTING UVALDE, TEXAS AND
THE WEST MAIN LIBRARY MU-
SEUM ARCHIVES PROJECT**

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of An Extravaganza in Old Uvalde (AEIOU), which was held in Uvalde, Texas on September 6th and 7th. This annual event is a fundraiser for the West Main Library Museum Archives Project.

The West Main Project will provide the people of Uvalde and the surrounding area access to a myriad of printed information. In addition, through its archives and museum, the project will play a critical role in preserving the culture of this beautiful region. This facility will provide the room and the resources to meet the needs of the community.

South Texas is home to a unique crossroads of cultures. This facility will remind area children of our heritage and provide a forum through which to share this heritage with neighbors and visitors alike. The library will chronicle the unique experiences of residents of the area, preserving their experiences on videotape for generations to come. It will showcase area geological, cultural, social and other historical artifacts. With archaeological and written documentation, the museum will tell the story of what Uvalde is and what it has been.

El Progreso will provide a place for local children to conduct research and be tutored, for migrant families to learn English, and for seniors to learn to use the Internet. It will provide a place for partnerships between educational, governmental, civic and social service organizations to flourish. It will allow residents to give back to the community through volunteering in a variety of capacities.

Education, history and culture are important parts of our past. I commend Uvalde for its leadership in preserving the past while building towards the future. It is my sincere hope that thanks to the West Main Project, Uvalde will soon be home to the best library and archives in all of West Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent on Monday September 9, 2002, and missed Roll Call votes #375, 376, and 377. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call #375, Aye on Roll Call Vote #376, and Aye on Roll Call Vote #377.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF POLIO
SURVIVORS

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many survivors of polio. Paralytic poliomyelitis, or polio as it is commonly referred to, often seems to be remembered as a disease of the past—a disease that afflicted millions of Americans during the Great Depression. Americans no longer experience the fear that seized our parents and grandparents during the summer months, when polio epidemics thrived. Polio hit quickly, no cure was available, and its victims were left crippled for life.

For many years, controlling polio's transmission was vigorously debated. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of America's most famous polio survivors, declared war on polio with the creation of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, now known as the March of Dimes, in 1937. Through federal funding, researchers Joseph Salk and Albert Sabin developed two different polio vaccines in the 1950s. Shortly after, polio was eradicated in much of the industrialized world, providing a vast number of economic and social benefits.

The World Health Organization has taken great strides to eliminate polio throughout the world, and polio now only exists in ten countries worldwide. However, as long as polio exists, no man, woman, or child is completely safe from the disease.

September 2002 marks the 50th Anniversary of North America's most devastating polio epidemic. This epidemic touched the lives of nearly 60,000 people, leaving many with lifelong physical disabilities.

There are approximately 16,000,000 polio survivors in the United States today. Many of these survivors suffer from Post-Polio Sequelae, or PPS, symptoms, such as overwhelming fatigue, muscle and joint pain, sleeping disorders, and difficulty swallowing and breathing.

Every American should be aware of this once devastating disease as well as the affects still felt by survivors of polio. While remembering these people, we will aim to educate both polio survivors and doctors about the symptoms of PPS. By raising awareness, we will be able to inform polio survivors on the simple and effective therapies available to treat PPS and to make their lives easier.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in declaring September "Polio Survivors' Month," and honoring these brave survivors of polio.

HONORING CORTRANS LOGISTICS,
LLC

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the past year has been marked by tough economic conditions and the thought of succeeding in the market as a new competitor would be considered almost impossible. However, through hard work and determination, CorTrans Logistics, LLC of Norcross, Georgia, has beat the odds and proved itself one of the most eminent businesses in the market. In fact, it was recently ranked as number 42 in Entrepreneur magazine's "Hot 100" fastest growing businesses for 2002. CorTrans Logistics, LLC was also recognized in the Atlanta Journal Constitution for their advances in the marketplace.

CorTrans Logistics was founded in February 1999 by William R. Cortez, current president and CEO. He began the company with two employees and an initial investment of \$100,000. The company has since expanded, yielding sales of \$7.2 million in 2001; and now employees 12 individuals.

This group of individuals, specifically Bill Cortez, should be commended for not only the exemplary service they provide through their business, but also for overcoming the challenges presented to them in a tough economy. Their accomplishments are proof that through hard work, vision, integrity, and day-to-day perseverance, companies can survive and even thrive in today's fluctuating market.

IN HONOR OF THE 2002 VFW VOICE
OF DEMOCRACY AWARD WINNER
MEGHAN PASRICHA OF VFW
POST 2863

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Meghan Pasricha, a Delawarean and winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 2002 Voice Of Democracy Scholarship Contest. Each year the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary give high school students an opportunity to vocalize their duty and patriotism for the United States by drafting broadcast scripts addressing their view of a citizen's duties to America.

Out of the 84,000 students who submitted scripts on the theme of "Reaching Out to America's Future," Meghan was one of 58 winners throughout the United States, and the First Place winner for Delaware's Local VFW Post 2863.

In a year when many citizens' faith was shaken and so many Americans are in search of a voice of hope for our Nation's future, Meghan's essay touched the highest aspirations of the American spirit and called for increased patriotism, activism and unity. This excerpt from her winning essay is a testament to her role as a future leader:

"Although the hearts of Americans are saddened by the recent tragedy, the American Spirit soars higher. The pace of change is suddenly accelerated. Even war has